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**UP 'TIL DAWN** 

# Campaign participants pull all-nighter of fun

By Lisa Houtchens Chief Reporter

Winning can mean different things to dif-

To the winning team of the St. Jude's fundraiser Up 'Til Dawn, it means helping kids fight

The winning team, Money Maker's Part Two, led by Rebecca Carpenter, raised \$10,710. Carpenter, along with teammates Michelle Lackey, Micayla Miller, Danyelle Ritter and Kelsey Clark, took part in the letter-writing campaign, penny wars for the Colden Pond Plunge and individual fund-raisers.

Carpenter grew up learning that being involved and supporting philanthropic work was important.

Each year, Carpenter's aunt donates \$10,000 to the foundation, Carpenter said. This year, the money her aunt donated went to St. Jude's through the letter-writing campaign.

The Carpenter family has its own ties to St. Jude's Hospital.

Carpenter babysat for a young girl that was diagnosed with cancer and died when she was 6.

The family went to St. Jude's for help with their daughter's cancer.

Realizing that St. Jude's could be the families' last hope, and realizing that putting other people first is important, helped Carpenter to work hard to raise money, she said.

"It's fun knowing you are doing something awesome and helping so many other people that you will never know," Carpenter said.

This year's Up "Til Dawn finale was an event celebrating the efforts of the Up "Til Dawn participants, Entertainment and Logistic Chair

A Las Vegas theme including an illusionist and Casino games entertained the teams hard work during the year. The events started at 10 p.m. and lasted until 2 a.m. in the Bearcat Arena and Student Recreation Center.

This year more than 100 teams participated in raising money for St. Jude's. The teams participated in a letter writing campaign, garage sale and a fund-raising competition with Pittsburg State at the Fall Classic at Arrowhead, Scott

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**CAITLIN MOTT** SMILES as the dealer, Colby

Elder, deals the next blackjack hand. Casino games added to the themed night of the 2008 Up 'Til Dawn Finale.





THE UP 'TIL Dawn Executive Board welcomes Maryville resident and St. Jude's patient Spencer Barr, helping him celebrate his 15th birthday.



UP 'TIL DAWN Executive Board Member, Keaton Guess and Megan Walker challenge each other at boxing while raising money during the all-night event. The event raised more than \$79,000 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

#### NW BASKETBALL



NORTHWEST FORWARD HUNTER Henry walks off the floor after Central Oklahoma ended Northwest's season. The 'Cats lost 73-59 during the regional tournament's semifinal round.

# SILENCED IN SEMIS

## Half-court shot defines unlikely tournament run

By Scott Levine Sports Editor

Then looking at the 2007-08 Northwest women's basketball team, coach Gene Steinmeyer said one image will always stick out - an image that only until two weeks ago seemed

"This team will always be defined by Meghan's (Brue) shot," Steinmeyer said. "They'll also always be defined by this postseason run."

Brue's half-court shot with two seconds remaining to defeat No. 1-seed West Texas A&M, 72-71, highlighted a historical South Central Regional Tournament last weekend. The game-winning 40-footer delivered

the Lady Buffs their first home loss in more than three years. "That's a play we run in practice," Steinmeyer said. "It really depends on how they choose to cover it. They doubled Mandi (Schumacher) down low, and played behind Meghan. I tell them you have a dribble per second, so we thought Meghan could get within 30-feet and get a good look. But she dropped it at half-court, so she only had one dribble.

'It was a shot no one will ever forget." The Bearcats, who trailed by as many as 16 points in the second half, notched their second postseason victory of all-time. Northwest hadn't won a regional tournament game since 1984.

But after winning four must-win tournament games, dating back to the MIAA tournament championship run, Northwest (18-13) finally fell to Emporia State 83-71. The loss marked the season's third loss to Emporia.

"Two things happened," Steinmeyer said. "We got in bad foul trouble. We were way too aggressive, but we were still in control until Meghan got hurt. She was taking it to Michelle Stueve, but after getting hurt, she just wasn't the same.

"We did the best we could, but after Meghan got hurt, it never really felt

When Brue went down with the hip injury, Northwest held an 8-point lead, and the junior guard had 10 points. The hip injury limited Brue to 27 minutes of playing time, and four points after the 8:51 mark in the first half.

Despite Andrea Dill, Jessica Burton and April Miller each having three fouls, the 'Cats never trailed in the first half and went into halftime up 41-36. That lead evaporated in the first three minutes of the second half, when the

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# By Brett Barger University Sports Editor

NORTHWEST GUARD LINDSAY Bayer drives to the hoop during the MIAA tournament final. The Bearcats won four mustwin tournament games, until losing to Emporia State 83-71.

Poor shooting hinders men's Elite Eight bid

For the first 49 minutes, Northwest went through the South Central Regional Tournament like a buzz saw. The Bearcats scored the first 15 points of its

regional opener last Saturday, and never looked back in a 72-48 win over St. Edwards. Northwest had 19 steals and scored 35 points off 26 turnovers. The defense also held St. Edwards'

starters to 16 total points. The same stifling defense carried over into the first nine minutes in the regional semifinal. Central Oklahoma shot 10 percent early in the

first half, and Northwest took advantage, jumping out to a 21-7 lead. Then, the Cats' lead evaporated after a 21-5 run by Central Oklahoma to close out the first half. That was all the momentum the Bronchos needed in handing Northwest a 73-59 loss, ending Northwest's season at 24-8. Northwest shot a season-low 29 percent.

"Boy, they brought it back at us. It was hard-fought, even in the last five minutes. We just really went cold," coach Steve Tappmeyer said, whose team makes a semifinal exit for the second-straight year. "We had some good looks we couldn't get down, but I thought we hit the panic button and took some tough shots as well."

Despite the poor defense, Northwest kept itself in the game for the first part of the second half. Matt Withers' jumper gave Northwest a 41-38 lead with 9:21 left, but the 'Cats didn't make another field goal until Mike Larsen's 3-pointer with 38 seconds left and Northwest down 72-56.

The Bronchos' defense made Matt Withers and Andy Peterson's last game a nightmare. The two combined for 17 points, and shot 3-of-12 from the field. "These are two guys you hate to lose as a coach," Tappmeyer said of the two.

"Both have given us five years as great players, and they did it the right way." Hunter Henry, fresh off being named the MIAA Tournament MVP, led Northwest with 13 points and went 4-of-12 from the field.

"A lot of them, when t let go, looked like they were in, but they either came in and out or hit the front rim just a little short," Henry said. "I did get a little frustrated, and that affected me a little bit down the stretch." The team loses six seniors: Peterson, Withers, Mose Howard, Andrais

Thornton, Kelvin Cayruth and John Hawkins. Peterson and Withers started the majority of the season. Henry, Lance Sullivan and Eddie Gray return next season to lead the offense.

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Steve Tappmeyer, Northwest Coach

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

I believe in miracles and so you constantly are believing that, and praying and hoping that he's going to be OK,"

Becky Klino, Branson Perry's mother

# Search for missing man continues

Chief Reporter

It's been nearly seven years since Branson Perry went missing from his father's home in Skidmore.

Seven long years. On April 11, 2001, Perry, who was 20 at the time, was cleaning his father's house with a friend. At approximately 3 p.m. that afternoon, Perry took jumper cables out to his father's nearby

shed and was never seen again. Seven years later, Perry's mother, Becky Klino, hasn't lost the love for her son, nor her hope for his return.

"My faith believes in miracles," Klino said. "I believe in miracles and so you constantly are believing that, and praying and hoping that he's going to be OK. That he's going to come home. That he just had to get away and for whatever reason, that part doesn't matter anymore, and you hope that one day he'll just decide to come home."

Since Perry went missing, authorities from Nodaway County and the Missouri State Highway Patrol have been investigating the disappearance. The investigation remains active and open Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. David Merrill said, but added that authorities can't discuss many details.

Not being able to hear about leads has been extremely tough for Klino.

'As a parent, you want to know what's going on. If they know something, you want to be able to know that, so that way you know that things are being done," Klino said. "That they're following up on things, however trivial they may be, or insignificant they might be. You just ... anything, you want to hear anything that's happening."

Through the Internet and billboards supplied by both herself and Lamar, Klino hopes to help keep people thinking about her son in hopes that it will bring any new information to light.

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Branson Perry

**COMMUNITY NEWS** 

## The Palms' parade: just as famous for what doesn't happen

By Sean Comer Political Reporter

The Palms' "world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade"

marched one block closer to the history books. It started marching, one block at a time between Fourth and Fifth streets down Buchanan Avenue, 21 years ago. Formerowner of the Palms Mark Allen hasn't missed a step since.

"It gets shorter and better every year," Allen said. Onlookers knew Allen as Lucky the Clown this year, his "third or fourth" year brightening the block as Lucky. Before that he drove electric cars and scooters.

The parade began in 1985 as an effort to match New York's Guinness Book of World Records—affirmed world's largest St. Patrick's Day parade at the opposite end of the

The fact Guinness representatives year after year decline visiting Maryville to verify the record hasn't put a damper on anything in the meantime.

It never stops the Palms' present owners, Paul and Melissa Thompson, from trying to summon some lofty names to act as the parade's Grand Marshall.

Just like trying year after year to set a world record, the Palms even turns the thanks-but-no-thanks letters into a celebration of sorts.

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Shipley said students used

In addition to the festivities.

Susan Altizer, a 1973 graduate

The future of the program has

of 1973 will be named as an Indis-

pensable Woman of Northwest.

a solid outlook with several opportunities for growth and change.

Shipley said the largest growing

program is the Dietetics Associa-

Also the FCS department might

branch out to include more inter-

disciplinary projects with other

ence is a profession that focuses

on improving the quality of life in

Shipley thinks the FCS department

will continue to prosper.

"Family and Consumer Sci-

After a century of growth,

"I think we have established a

very rich 100-year heritage, which

majors and increase research.

artwork from Horace Mann Labo-

#### Spring concert tickets go on sale

Tickets for the Dierks Bentley, Bucky Covington and Luke Bryan concert will go on sale at 8 a.m., Monday, March 31, at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building.

They will be on sale through Friday, April 4. The concert is at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, in Bearcat

Stadium Tickets are \$5 for students with a valid Bearcat Card and \$15 for the public.

For more information, contact the Campus Activities Office at

## Meetings planned for study abroad

Study Abroad informational sessions will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 31, and at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, in the Intercultural and International Center conference room on the J.W. Jones Student Union second

## Organizations host jump rope event

Jump Rope for Heart will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 5, on the Centennial Garden and Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing Lawn.

There will be free will donations for participants. Horace Mann Laboratory

School will provide the jump

Those interested can sign up at any residence hall front desk. The event is sponsored by the Missouri Academy, KZLX 106.7, the Residence Hall Association, the American Heart Association and the Student Activities Coun-

For more information or donation information contact

### Classic raises money for philanthropies

The 2008 Greek Classic will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at the Mozingo Golf Course. Those interested in signing up a four-person team must do

so by Friday. The cost is \$50 for students and \$65 for adults.

The cost to sponsor a hole Proceeds'will go to the SSM

Hospice and Home Care Foun-For more information, to sign

up a team or to sponsor a hole contact the Greek Life Office at

## Northwest hosts piano prodigy

Jeffrey Ly, 13, will perform at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 6, in the Charles Johnson Theater. Ly began piano studies at 5, and preformed in Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and twice at the

White House. The concert is free and sponsored by a Northwest Culture of Quality Grant and the music

PERSONALITY PROFILE



IRMA MERRICK HAS cashiered for Campus Dining for 20 years. When she first accepted the job her plan was to stay only for

# Familiar Union cashier plans retirement after 2 decades

By Lisa Houtchens Chief Reporter

Monday through Friday, Campus Dining cashier Irma Merrick clocks in at five minutes until 7 a.m. and clocks out at five minutes until 2 p.m. With a quick swipe of a card her time is recorded. She opens the doors, makes

cappuccino, and stocks food before greeting students with a smile. Smiles and "hellos" greet Merrick as the morning and afternoon rush of students pass through with

"How are you today?" Merrick says as many students pass. Twenty years ago she accepted a short term cashier job on campus.

"I decided to do it (cashiering) a year, this is my 20th," Merrick said. 'But it's worked out pretty good."

Merrick began working for Ara-thing to be admired." mark Food Services in fall 1987 after a conversation while bowling with the supervisor, she said.

Staying busy is not a problem for Merrick. When the rush of students pass she jokes with the other cashiers, taps her foot a few times and rushes off to replenish the granola bars and crackers. "I'm getting to be 80, and I can't

rick said. "If I can move around, it's not too bad." Merrick gets along well with not only the students but also her Campus Dining cashier Donna

stand in one place too long," Mer-

Joslin has worked with Merrick for "She always has a smile on her day, regardless. I think that is some-

It came as no surprise to the staff

when she announced her planned retirement, Campus Dinning Assistant Director Kelly Zimmerman said. Merrick will be missed when she retires in May. "We were all ready for it,"

Zimmerman said. "Maybe she will change her mind." After 20 years of service to campus dining, she is ready to move on to something new. Merrick isn't sure what she is going to do after

her retirement in May, but she will miss the students, she said. Knitting, word circles and staying active with her church will keep her busy until she decides what to

do next. "I think it's time to get off my face," Joslin said. "She's here every feet," Merrick said. "I'm trying to

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** 

## March recognizes campus supplies provider

Products and services costing

more than \$3,000 go through a bid

process and may require contracts,

Martin said. Contract services include

people needing supplies or contracts

Purchasing works as a team with

The department is involved in

plumbing, electrical and masonry.

Chief Reporter

They supply every thing on campus from construction contracts to hand soap, The Northwest Purchasing

Department oversees the purchasing all items on campus, such as toilet tissue at the right quality and price, Purchasing Director Ann Martin said. The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing recognizes March as Purchasing Month to recognize

professionals in purchasing. "We do try to celebrate just to have people be aware that we're here," Martin said. "We have documentation that through the bid process and establishing contracts that we save the University money."

Purchasing oversees all spending and makes sure contracts are done

"Our mission is getting in the right quality, at the right time, at the right customer wants, we want to make sure their needs are here on time, whether it's a commodity or a service." The purchasing department has about 100 contracts for services, Mar-

price," Martin said. "Whatever that

building of Hudson and Perrin Halls, Senior Buyer Angie Wolters said.

cies to research companies.

ample supply of things such as toilet

"Purchasing is involved in about everything that happens on campus,"

A lot of research goes into establishing contracts, Martin said. The purchasing office, central receiving, department networks with several central stores, the moving crew, used different universities and state agen-

Making sure everybody on campus complies with regulations the Center, Martin said. lepartment follows is another of the departments duties. The department makes sure an

tissue and hand soap are available, Martin said. The department leads a commit-

"We want to make sure that the customers here on campus, and that's the faculty and staff as well as students are going for the best quality," Martin

evaluation process, Martin said. The department does everything possible to keep students comfortlarge construction projects, like the able on campus to live a normal life, "A lot of what we do is behind the

Getting feedback is essential to the

scenes for other people," Martin said.
"We work as a team for the whole The department oversees the

Everything comes to campus

through the Materials Distribution Keeping things at a lower cost helps everybody including taxpayers and students, Martin said.

"We are trying to take the time, each one of us buyers, to go out and visit departments and let them know what can we do to help you, and what tee of people collected from other can we do to make your job easier," departments to evaluate products on she said.

## Department has 'solid' outlook after 100 years

By Destinee Biesemever lissourian Reporter

**UNIVERSITY NEWS** 

ratory school to create and sell In 1908, what is now known as the Family and Consumer Science postcards to raise money for a department (FCS) began with one commemorative centennial tree to be planted on campus. student and one faculty member. Since then, the program has grown the FCS department has received to include 2,156 graduates and four another honor. specialized majors.

"I think it caught on quickly and soon changed into a home economics class with the primary focus of preparing teachers," Department Chair Frances Shipley

After 100 years, the department has experienced multiple significant moments and changes including recognition of the honor tion and expects that to continue. society Kappa Omicron Nu. Student Ambassador and FCS education major Nicole Thompson said the honor society has regular fund-raisers and holds an etiquette

dinner in the spring. To commemorate the 100-year anniversary, this week is full of all aspects of the family," Shipley activities, fund-raisers and cer- said Thompson said that part of

this week's activities are providing

breakfast and cookies for faculty and students.

The FCS program is also help- is an extremely good foundation ng the campus by raising money for which to build the future." or a centennial tree to be planted in Shipley said.

I think we have established a very rich 100-year heritage, which is an extremely good foundation for which to build the future,"

Frances Shipley, Family and Consumer Science department chair

**DISTINGUISHED LECTURE** 



BARBARA MARTINEZ JITNER ended this year's Distinguished Lecture Series on Tuesday night. She is a writer, director and producer. Her work focuses on Latin American women's lives and contributions. Some of her work includes a documentary called "La Frontera" about Latina Factory workers.





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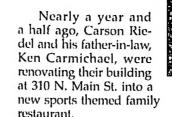
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# COMMUNITY

## Restaurant find success mixing family, sports

Community News Editor



Today, Carson's Sports Grille has become a popular Maryville hot spot for students and citizens.

Business started off fast with many patrons desiring a taste of the new restaurant. Combine that with a and (tried) to get other people to Bearcat football season and you get one busy opening. "After the initial shock settled

in, we refocused and now we're something that people love," Riedel, 32, said. Unlike many of the Maryville

things that I really like together and restaurants located on the south (it) turned out pretty good," Hodgson end of town, Carson's is right on the said. "I eat up there all the time and square and Riedel sees location as part of an advantage. and I really like cream cheese, so I just

"To our benefit, all the other bars are here too," Riedel said, "and we're not just another watering hole, we're just a place where you get the food and then (you) go the watering hole. "That's the one thing that was missing here. There wasn't a place where all the kids felt comfortable

going and hanging out." running the show, their wives are a While searching for a location though, Maryville's south end wasn't left out as a possibility.

"We considered the lot behind Applebee's as a place to potentially ily," Riedel said. "While I'm Carson, uild a brand new facility," Riedel said. The in-law owners, however, preferred downtown. Carson's can be found packed

with hungry and/or thirsty patrons on weekends and on popular game thing go. Without Renee and Mardays, no matter the sport. Wednes- leen, we couldn't have done this." days have given the restaurant a spot in the limelight with weekly karaoke. came in and filled a niche," Riedel said. "There was nothing like this

foremost, made us successful." item, the "Goalkeeper," made with other up.

here and that's what I think, first and

Ken and Marleen, my in-laws and their daughter (Renee), my wife are 75 percent of what makes this

Some days are fun and exciting, others are rough and disappointing, "What happened for us is we but Riedel said it's all part of the

sourdough bread, cheddar, turkey,

bacon and cream cheese, has a

the goaltender for the girls' soccer

team, Lauren Hodgson," Riedel

said. "She consistently ordered (it)

order it and now, all of a sudden,

people come in and order the 'Goal-

A regular customer, Hodgson

"I just put a bunch of different

made up the sandwich one day out

I just wanted to try something new

New menus debut May 1 and

Running the restaurant has

"I have been very fortunate that

Riedel plans to have the popular

sandwich, or "sammich" as they're

become a family affair for Riedel and

Carmichael, and while they are seen

they have accepted me into their fam-

really, the restaurant should be called

big help behind the scenes.

made my own little sandwich."

known, available.

'Carmichael's'.

"It happened to be invented by

Bearcat influence

"We have our high points and our low points, but I'm fortunate to have support of (my) family and sup-The menu offers a variety of port of (my) staff," he said. "When selections, but the most popular one of us gets down, we pull each

**LOCAL SCHOOLS** 

## Parent projects help students

By Katie Luers Missourian Reporter

Parents of Maryville High School students hope to provide a safe post- over the last year. prom and graduation atmosphere again this year.

Committee Chairwomen Cathy Demott and Terri Dawson have worked since January to plan for "Project Prom" and "Project Graduation." Both events offer safe alternatives to partying. The goal is to lower student drinking after prom and

This year, between six and seven parents are helping to plan events. "We all work together to organize it," committee member Kim Florea said.

This year "Project Prom" will have games and activities available including inflatable games, a "cash cube" to win money or prizes and a nagician or comedian Activities during "Project Gradu-

ation" include the opening of a time capsule, a senior slideshow and glow-in-the-dark games at the Student Recreation Center.

win prizes during both events. Prizes Demott or Terri Dawson.

include items such as tanning passes and meal coupons to local businesses. For the events to happen, parents and students worked to fundraise

The main fundraiser is the "Air Rock" performance held every other year, alternating with the spring play. Funds are raised through admission and T-shirt sales. 'Air Rock' is a lip-synching

contest put on by the students at only his first name appears. Maryville High School, Florea said. "I lost a toe to my gambling Support for "Project Prom" and addiction," Ed said. "Project Graduation" also comes Ed, a Gamblers Anonymous from the community. Some commumember and diabetic, once spent 48 hours gripped by his addiction in a nity members and businesses donate money for the events. casino. He didn't regulate his blood "Businesses have always been sugar and lost a toe.

very generous to the kids," Ďawson Last year, 275 people attended "Project Prom." Both senior and junior students attended with their dates. At "Project Graduation," 75 senior students attended.

Students do not have to pay admission to either event. Any parents wanting to help out with either "Project Prom" or "Project

Student names will be drawn to Graduation" should contact Cathy

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**COMMUNITY PROFILE** 



MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Principal Jason Eggers taught at Mound City High School for three years before becoming

# Principal continues tocus on improving student success

him to his teaching degree.

His enjoyment of music led

Before becoming a principal,

Eggers taught vocal music at

Mound City for three and a half

years. He then worked as princi-

By Katie Luers Missourian Reporter

In his first year as Maryville High School principal, Jason Eggers is finding a way to work with

"I appreciate that he works well with people, kids, adults, staff and parents," superintendent Vicki Miller said. Eggers is from Camdenton,

Mo., and was first attracted to Maryville when he attended college at Northwest "At the time, it was because

said about his decision to come

STATE POLITICS

By Sean Comer

Political Reporter

While at Northwest, he earned three different degrees, a bachelor's degree in vocal music Francis Hospital, and provided education, a master's degree in more activities for his preschoolsecondary Administration and a aged daughter, Lanae. specialist degree in superinten-

"Ed" might have a story you

He won't support the Missouri

Senate's latest attempt to repeal the

state's \$500 per day, per gambling

excursion loss limit because doing

so would create more people with

a problem like the one he combats

Scott Rupp sponsored SB 1052. The

act doesn't stop at repealing the

tax on adjusted gross receipts over

St. Louis-area Republican Sen.

haven't heard before. He spoke with

the Missourian on the condition

students as Mound City. "It's been a good experience getting to know the community,

pal in the same school for seven "The students are really excited about what they do." His main focus for the year is He chose the position of principal, because it has the characteristic of being different on a daily basis.

Maryville, he moved to an area their future," Eggers said.

ing licensees, gives \$4 million more create problem-gamblers faster," Ed

from the gaming commission fund said. "(Some) people that don't pay

Improvement Trust Fund and caps edly paid the casino plenty of

City, Eggers decided to move to "It was a great opportunity of the music department," Eggers for myself and my family, to grow professionally and learn," Eggers

> The move eliminated the commute for his wife, LaRena, to St.

By making the shift to

Casino Bill has high risk, reward

\$40 million from Missouri's gam-

to the Veteran's Commission Capital

Missouri gaming licensees at 13.

for Missouri's Children Fund and

enue from the loss limit repeal and

mittee passed the bill in late Febru-

the calendar for General Assembly

debate when the legislature returns

ary. Rupp expects it to appear on

Ed won't support the bill

because he knows first-hand, as an

what addicts will do to satiate their

cashed in 401ks and mortgaged

He has known people who have

addict himself and as a group leader,

1 percent tax.

loss limits; it also puts a 1 percent homes. He has met addicts who

from its spring break.

Missouri A+ Program get the rev-

The Educational Opportunities

The Senate Ways & Means Com-

parents and teachers," Eggers

to encourage positive behavior from students and to build a safe and structured school environ-After working in Mound ment with a focus on trust within the system. Miller sees this focus on stu-

dent performance and improvement as a very positive attribute. "So far, it has been a successful year," said Miller. Eggers hopes to continue to

have fun while learning. "The school district has a great mission... I'm working towards that and preparing students for

"(Repealing the loss limits) will

Ed himself once lost \$9,000

their taxes on time have undoubt-

of his employer's money over a

30-day stretch in Illinois. He would

phone in purchase orders each time

the money ran out, he said. His

employer started docking half Ed's

salary to pay back his losses instead

of pressing charges.

Don't Kill the Messenger



By Michael Mattock, Psy.D. Counseling Services/Wellness Center

nxiety is one of the most common ssues that people deal with today. ecause of the discomfort that nxiety causes, we tend to view if as an enemy and try to distance purselves from it by distracting ourselves with alcohol, TV and other

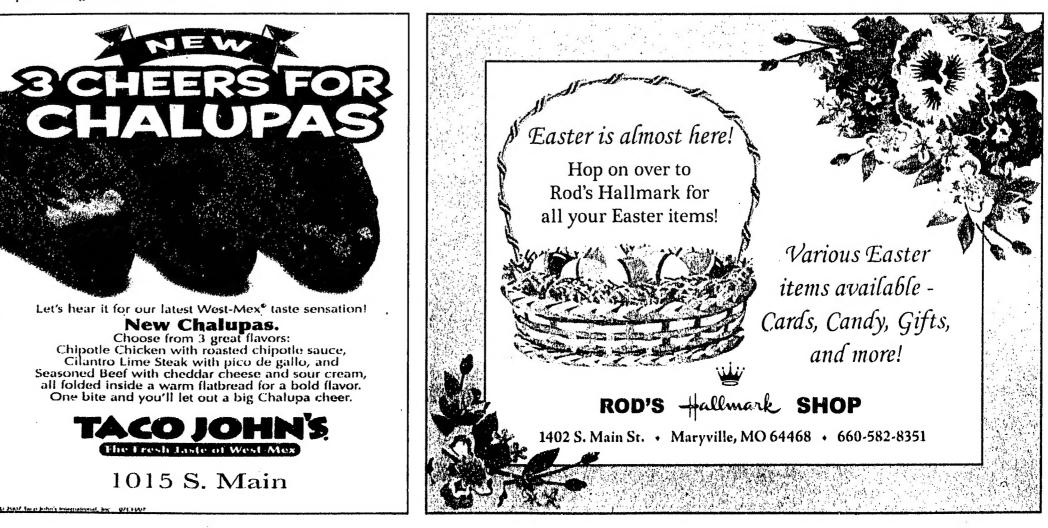
Ed's addiction cost him his 32-year marriage, a lot of money Ed's addiction humbled him.

He would say it still does. "The gambling limits are very, very necessary," Ed said. Fellow Republican senator and

Lager won't support the bill either.

Missouri Treasurer candidate Brad

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CITY BRIEFS

#### Middle School holding dodge ball tourney

The Maryville Middle School seventh grade class is trying to raise money to put roofs over the dugouts and spectator bleachers at Donaldson Park.

To gain more money a dodge ball tournament will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at Maryville Middle School. There will be carnival games for kids and a concession stand.

 For more information, contact Maryville middle school at 562-

### Murder suspects granted new judge

Judge Randall Jackson of Missouri's fifth judicial district has been assigned to the second-degree murder trial of Erik Romig and Nicholas Rosencrans, following a motion from their attorneys. Their trial is scheduled for Sept.

10 to 12 at the Nodaway County courthouse, however, a change o venue has been requested. Rosencrans is now being represented by Stephen Hinginbotham. He was previously represented by Michelle Carpenter.

Romig is still represented by

Kenton Hall. Romig and Rosencrans are accused of murdering Donald Ray Gardner, Jr on Nov. 16.

#### Easter egg hunt An Easter egg hunt will take place at 2 p.m. at Beal Park April 16. Phi Delta Theta is hosting the

Fraternity hosting

event which is also supported by the city of Maryville. ADVERTISEMENT

Anxiety –

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excesses, or by thinking about it in an effort to figure it out and be rid of it. The problem with both tactics

that they are generally ineffective

in alternative response to anxi-

and increase anxiety.

ety is simply to be aware of it, to view it as a messenger bringing us needed information about our fe. Awareness of our emotions entails a willingness to accept the eling as part of our current experience and openness to learning what the anxiety is trying to tell us about needed change in our life. This openness can take the form fin concrete question: "What is his feeling trying to tell me about eded change in my thinking, ehavior or current situation?" If e ask ourselves, we open up the possibility for learning what we eed to change in our life. This ets the stage for needed action bring about those changes. nd when we adaptively act in esponse to what we have learned about ourselves, the level of our anxiety decreases and we become

One last note: As with most new behavior, at first this response to one's anxiety may seem foreign, uncomfortable and even counterproductive. However, if you persist n taking this viewpoint, there is great potential for decreased struggle, new learning and ongoing growth. Anxiety is a great teacher if we don't try to kill the messenger.

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**OUR VIEW** 

## Project will help restore what winter destroyed

In the aftermath of last December's ice storm, the Northwest campus looks a little

Before the storm hit, the Northwest campus had approximately 1,300 trees representing 125 different species

Afterwards, about 40 percent of those trees were left damaged. Of the approximately 500 trees damaged, nearly 80 had to be removed.

Three months ago the Northwest Missourian ran an Our View encouraging University and community members to help rebuild Northwest's arboretum. This project now comes full circle with the recent University announcement of Project Plant-A-Tree.

On Friday, April 11, University officials will begin the process of restoring Northwest as a Missouri State Arboretum.

Project Plant-A-Tree will be held at the Memorial Bell Tower to honor employees who worked to keep campus safe during the ice storm. After a small ceremony, students, faculty, staff and community members can then volunteer to go around campus and help plant the new, donated trees.

The Northwest Missourian would like to encourage anyone who can to either volunteer to help plant the new trees or donate money to help replace those that were lost.

Those that are interested can contact Amy Nally, coordinator of volunteer services, at 562-1956 or visit the Northwest homepage at Nwmissouri.edu and click on the tree in the bottom, right-hand corner.

COMMENTS FROM NWMISSOURINEWS.COM

(The following comments have not been edited or changed. They appear in print as they do on the Web site.)

In response to "Government should not force abortion providers to turn over patient names.

The fact that you would even remotely compare the killing of and innocent unborn child to removal of a mole Rudy Rigot posted 3/19

The comparison is indeed somehow clumsy However the fact people would remotely compare a non-living overdeveloped cell to an innocent unborn child has been sickening for me for years.

Is also annoying any person who complains about a law that doesn't mean any kind of obligation for themselves. Anyway, i apologize to the journalist (whose article i enjoyed reading, actually), i know the right for abortion isn't the topic, but the obligation for citizens to follow the law, whether they agree with it or not. People against abortion, if you wanna try to change the law, be my guest; however, you'll have to follow the current one until you succeed...

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MY VIEW

## Iragi's optimism for Baghdad fades five years later

The Institute for War & Peace Reporting

BAGHDAD—Five years after the United States invaded Iraq and overthrew Saddam Hussein, it's hard to see any progress in areas critical to the development of the country. There is no sign of economic development. The country's infrastructure is shat-

tered, as is the spirit of its people. There is little optimism for the future. Instead, we are surrounded by fear, depression and violence. I returned to Baghdad late last year and initially felt hopeful. My neighbors and friends were gone from my old neighborhood, but the violence was decreasing and security appeared to be improving.

But my optimism vanished the more I explored the capital. Unlike when I left several years ago, the city center is now surrounded by cement walls resembling a jail. Intended to protect its residents, the barriers succeed only in diminishing Baghdad's former beauty and greatness. And the change I witnessed isn't just

physical. Fear has taken over the people, destroying the city's social fabric. No one dares to utter a controversial word in front of his friend or neighbors, for night in the capital only serves to deepen fear that the individual may report him to a their fears. political party or militia.

When I tried to talk with one man about we aren't involved in politics. We don't know

thing now is political." of tension and nervousness apparent on bad joke. their faces. You can see it in their eyes: they anticipate death at any moment and around

home safely to enjoy time with their families. But as night falls, the atmosphere grows They worry that some militia or criminal have endured.

gang will come under the cover of darkness The random shooting one can hear every

The absence of law and order has forced Baghdad residents to adopt a survivalist mindthe current situation in the country, the man's set. Without jobs or the prospect of employ-19-year-old son interrupted, saying, "Please, ment, many turn to crime just to survive.

For amusement, people watch the broadcast sessions of parliament. No one really When I assured him that speaking about believes that the lawmakers are there to defend their interests or protect their rights. issues was not political, he replied, "Every-After years of squabbling and inertia, many Most Iraqis look exhausted, the years view the promised democratic process as a

Most people's bitterness is clear. Officials make promises and speeches, but, having been lied to so often, Iragis dismiss them. People thank God when they arrive The politicians are considered liars, and the parliament powerless

Five years after the fall of Saddam dark. Those without private generators sit in what's amazing is that there is so little to darkness, with electricity still in short supply. show for the suffering that the Iraqi people

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In response to "Warren: 'Free posted 3/12

1 LOVED having Frank Warren here. It was an amazing night, and I would love if he'd come back

In response to "Local bars originally played different roles in Maryville down-

posted 3/12 I really enjoyed this article, I believe the history of this town important even if it's not my nome town, but especially because you targeted places that are so popular. Ruth Smith posted 3/18

This is a really good article I didn't know Maryville had any otteling companies. I enjoy reading he history of NW Missouri. In response to "Other nations debate legality of Kosovo's declaration of indepen-

posted 3/13 Albanians living in southerr Serbia aka Kosovo started leaving after the US sent 2500 jets to bomb the place. I would have left myself if I was living there. Before the US

started bombing Albanians were migrating to Serbia. When Serbia closed the border to stop these people from leaving, the US insisted that it re-open to le them leave. So I do not understand what you are talking about.

The UN estimates that 2500 people died while fighting in Kosovo. This was before the US started bombing. Half of these people were

2500 soldiers dying in a war is not even a large number consider-ing the amount of people that died in Vitnam, Iraq etc.

I can understand that you have an ideological position on this issue that will never really have any effect on your life, but I do not understand why you would lie to people who take the time to read

## Kosovo's struggle may serve as model for countries in similar situations

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a three-part series on Kosovo's history, present problems and future.)

After discussing the history and the current situation of Kosovo's declaration of independence, I feel it necessary to analyze what problems and advancements might arise in the future.

One major positive outcome in Kosovo's newly declared independence will be the development of the country, not just politically, but economically as well As established previously,

the Balkans with an appallingly large number of citizens unemployed and below the poverty line. One other thing to keep in mind is

that the independence was supervised; meaning that the parties involved previously, the United Nations for example, are still involved and will be in the future, by protecting the borders and keeping peace internally. It is widely believed that with or without supervi-

benefits of independence in regards to recently made progress. also come the potential

Kosovo is one of the poorest regions in the relationship between the Albanian by this issue, more specifically Serbia this. The answers to look for belong to minority within Kosovo is purposely 'Council Resolution 1244, which was targeted, either in a humanitarian discussed in the previous piece. sense, or a physical sense. There are

Balkan region.

sion, Kosovo would have extreme historical importance. declared independence regardless, and that it was Kosovo comes the stability within the believe that one area with an ethnic only a matter of time, and Balkan region. Many opponents of majority that declares independence is that supervised indepen- Kosovo's independence believe that likely to incite other areas with a cerdence is the best route in Kosovo's step towards independence tain ethnic majority to follow suit. The However, with the Balkans, creating a large step backwards Kurdistan.

negative impacts, locally does not just affect Kosovo world support the independence of our troops being deployed. and Serbia, but the entire Kosovo, such as the United Kingdom, the United States and France, to name a One area of concern few. Many appear to be rather centrist, within Kosovo, or the blood feuds. Yes, ration of independence to be illegal and ing, but the ideals that led to Kosovo's and the precedents set forth by United independence will be meaningless if the Nations itself, or the U.N. Security

the areas in which Serbia feels to be of that of Serbia: the ethnic divisions. The strong ethnicity?

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main opponents of Kosovo's indepen-Along with the stability within dence argue this point, and adamantly would renew the violence within the main example I can give of this is Iraqi

With all these controversies, prob-There is also the international rela- lems and benefits, I must emphasize tionship between several countries and once again that this issue does in fact and internationally. The the United States, as well as the United affect us, either politically or economiindependence of Kosovo Nations. Many countries around the cally, or more specifically locally, with

believe Kosovo should be independent, I must stress the importance of observathat must be addressed is but there are a few that are very angered tion with later issues to come because of majority and the Serbian minority and Russia. Both believe that the declathese questions; Will there be an ethnic problem within Kosovo? Will the inde-Kosovo suffered extreme ethnic cleans- to blatantly oppose international law pendence of Kosovo renew the violence within the Balkans?

And last, will other areas with similar problems follow in the same direction? If so, where will the coun-Kosovo has a lot in common with tries that support the independence several Serbian patrimonial sites within other regions around the world. Several of Kosovo stand when it comes to the Kosovo, including monasteries, and countries have a problem comparable to independence of other areas with one

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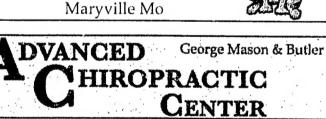
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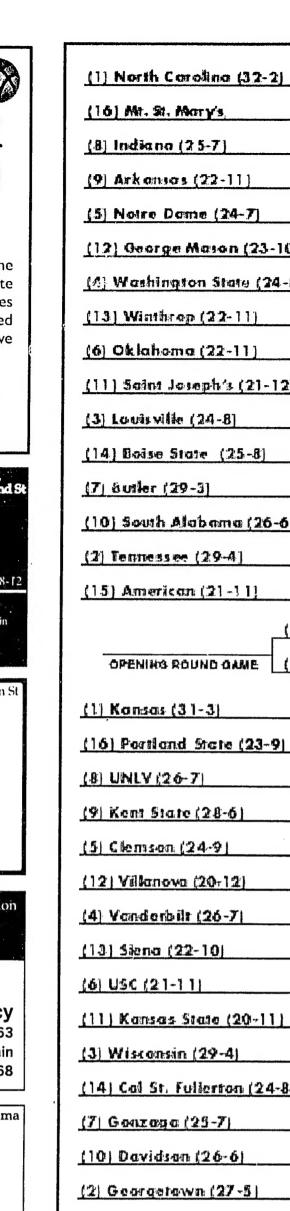
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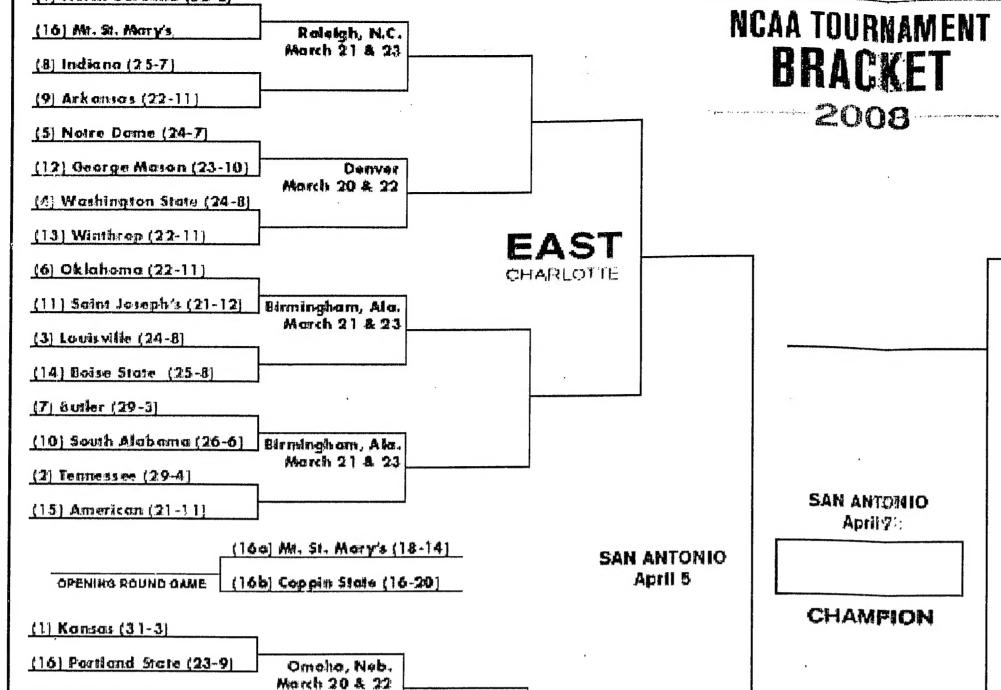


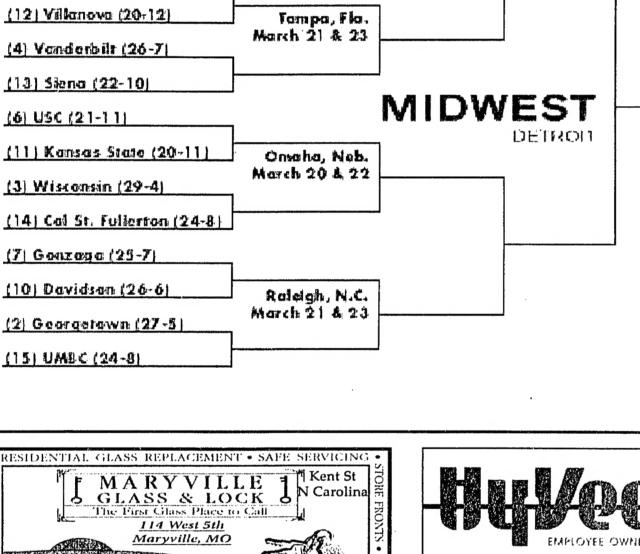
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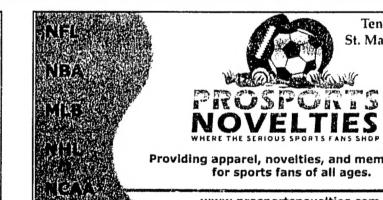
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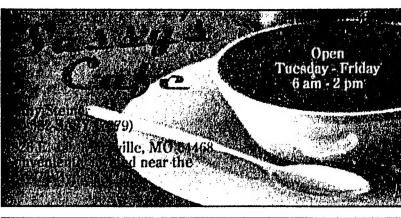
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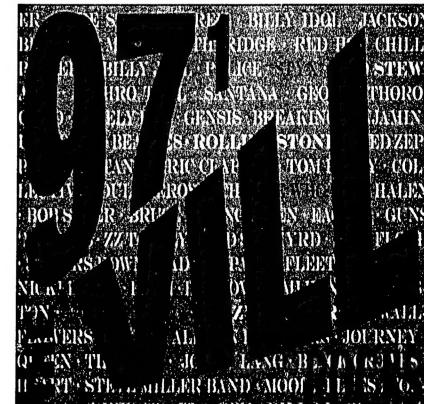
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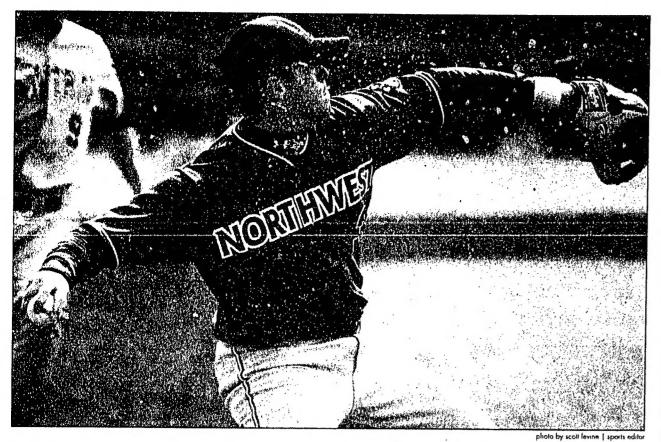
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NORTHWEST THIRD BASEMAN Ben Malick throws to first and makes the final out of the seventh inning in game one against Central Missouri. Malick went 2-for-4 with one RBI during the 6-5, 12-inning affair.

# Extras make Harper a hero

Asst. Sports Editor

In his short 13-game collegiate career, Brett Harper has a total of two at-bats for the Northwest baseball team. The first, a simple pinch-hit Nickell, who usually closes for the fly out to left field. The second won Bearcats, pitched the longest outing his team a ball game.

With the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the 12th inning, Harper delivered a pinch-hit RBI single to right field to defeat Central Missouri 6-5, Friday.

"I was trying to put the bat on the ball to try to get the fly in," Harper said. "Somehow it fell over his head, and it worked out for the best.

"The first pitch was a slider, it was low, and I screwed it up. He pitched the same thing and I had a feeling he would do that, and I just took it to right field."

Coach Darin Loe's decision to substitute Harper came from watch- fly out, ending the threat. ing Central Missouri pitcher Chris

Continued from AT

their first lead, 46-44.

Kelli Nelson and Lauren Williams

elevated Northwest to a 4-point

lead two minutes later. With 11:25

extended Northwest's lead to six

points, before Emporia State ended

defensive stops we needed to get.

It's hard to go through droughts

Washburn defeated Emporia

last Monday, 73-58, to earn an Elite

weeks helped erase memories of an

overall inconsistent season.

"Our offense had some issues

the contest on a 27-10 run.

remaining, Micaela Uriell's trey motivated."

said. "We just weren't getting the place finish.

Until the bottom of the 12th, neither team scored after the sixth inning pretty solid too," Nickell said. "So, due in large part to two great pitching performances, Loe said. Matlock tells us we should be right up there took the loss, but only allowed one in conference." unearned run. Northwest's Evan of his career going 6 2/3 innings, allowing no runs on three hits and earning the win. The win gives Northwest its 1,000th victory.

Until the bottom of the 12th, neither

the 10th inning when he was forced second and third with one out. "Their catcher was up ... and we

just kind of nibbled on the outside probably the biggest out of the game.

Nickell forced the next hitter to The 'Cats' win against Central Matlock repeatedly shutdown the Missouri should give them conficlub's right-handed hitters. Harper dence, Nickell said. The National was the last left-handed hitter left Collegiate Baseball Writers Asso-

Hornets used a 10-3 run to gain team to figure out. We had good remember the great things, than the

took the postseason to get them

Seven games into the season,

"I've never been on a team with

But a MIAA tournament cham-said.

so many low points and some good

pretty much hit all the extremes."

pionship and a regional tourna-

"I'm really proud of this team,"

Schumacher said. "We went above

Northwest sat atop the MIAA con-

ference. At the end of the season,

the 'Cats had dropped seven of its

Consecutive 3-pointers by just couldn't find the right groove

in the second half," Schumacher last 10 games en route to a fifth-

when facing a team like Empo- high points," Nelson said. "We

Steinmeyer said the last two legacy left by the five seniors.

"I'm not going to lie, this was and beyond what everyone thought.

Despite Northwests' exciting game one victory, it couldn't repeat in the second game of the doubleheader. The 'Cats dropped the Harper said that after the emo-

not the easiest team to coach," We had an average season and

Steinmeyer said. "It was a hard made it a great season. People will

during the season. I didn't do a everyone. Every game was like

very good job of motivating. It our last breath. If we lost, then our

ment victory, helped alter the year," Steinmeyer said. "We may

kids who all got along, but we average record we had.

Nickell's only trouble came in came out a little flat for the second game, and couldn't get things going. to pitch out of a jam with runners on Northwest recorded four hits in the

Northwest and Central Missouri's remaining games were cancorner and got him to chase a few celed because of rain. Northwest will pitches. And we ended up striking have to wait until this weekend's him out," Nickell said. "That was games against Southwest Baptist for its next crack at victory 1,001.

"They have good pitching. We know that," Harper said. "They're actually improving really well. It's not going to be an easy game for us. We just have to go out and play hard like against Central." The 'Cats face Southwest Baptist

ciation ranked the Mules 12th in at 1 p.m., Friday, and again at noon Harper's big hit came after an the country and first in the central on Saturday. Both games will be held

"We surprised and shocked

careers were over. This ending was

goodbye to five seniors, includ-

ing second team all-MIAA center,

Schumacher, and honorable men-

tion all-MIAA guard, Nelson, the

'Cats return guards Amber Vande-

vender and Alicia Bell from injury

next year. Proven scorers Brue

and Burton also return, including

talented newcomers, Steinmeyer

even be more talented than this

year's group. I don't know if we'll

be a better team, but we'll have

"We'll be pretty talented next

Although, Steinmeyer must say

a good way to end my career."

"I was happy that I shot below

WOMEN: Second-half surge propels

## Indoor season ends as runners make early exit from nationals

By Marcus Meade Asst. Sports Editor

**NW TRACK** 

John Miles, Kendall Wright and E.J. Falkner brought the indoor track season to a close for the Northwest

track team last weekend. All three represented Northwest in the National Indoor Championships, but were eliminated in the

"E.J. didn't get out of the blocks the conference meet or the meet we very well, and I think one of the had at the University of Nebraska. It problems with that was twice the had a lot of good runners." official called the runners up because people were wiggling and not gethis teammates. During the first two ting set," coach Richard Alsup said. "I think that put a lot of caution in

Caution about getting a false start may have cost Falkner valuable time in an event that he finished third dash, didn't have problems getting out of the blocks and finished ahead Prior to the national meet, of Falkner by almost one-tenth of a

Miles said he was happy with just being at nationals, but also admitted he may have underestimated some of the other runners. "Some of the other schools, I underestimated a little bit," Miles

Wright struggled along with jumps, fouls were called, forcing him to be cautious on his last jump just

"He had to try to make sure he got a jump in so he scoots back a or eight inches which gave up 10, 11 athletes to Tulsa, Okla.

Wright and Miles battled nagging injuries which prevented them from a full week of workout.

With the indoor season finally behind them and the weather warming up, all the athletes can now turn their full attention to the outdoor said. "I went into it looking at it like

compete in their first meets of the

outdoor season this weekend. "Being outside always has its own set of adjustments, you know getting use to wind and different temperatures. Visually it's very different. The track looks much bigger. So, I'm just hoping to get a sense of

The men will send nearly a full little bit," Alsup said. "He ended up squad to Pittsburg State while the jumping behind the board about six women send roughly 15 of their 45

## Feuerbach, Northwest finish 3rd in season's opening meet

By Christopher Woodland Missourian Reporter

Freshman Jessica Feuerbach and the Northwest women's golf team both finished third at Tuesday's Missouri Western Invitational at the Fairview and Moila Golf course.

Monday's rain forced the two- ence. day event to be shortened to one 18-hole tournament on Tuesday, and Feuerbach shot an 87 to earn a third place medal. Shelby White, of Rockhurst, shot 82 to take home the second place medal.

90, but I can improve a lot personally which is a good thing," Feuerbach said. "I need to get more consistency and get into good

Emporia to regional final appearance

of Fort Hays State, won the tourna-ment with a 76 and Carmen Titus, all freshmen is they don't have the college experience, but they want about their putting," Feuerbach of Fort Hays State, won the tourna- all freshmen is they don't have the

Haynes shot a 93 to place ninth. Lauren Atkinson finished with 100.

while Hannah Bowlin and Erin

Fort Hays State finished one stroke they want to get better." ahead of Rockhurst to win the tour-

behind the 'Cats to place fourth. McLaughlin said as the season continues, the team featuring all into a net in Martindale Gym, rather

said. "The only downside to having normally would.

follows spring break. Rather than golf." going to Florida or Mexico, these position off the tee. It's got good their game during their week off. all picture of where they are as a distance but it always seemed to go McLaughlin hasn't designated any team. The tournament consists of Also for the Bearcats, Sarah but said the girls are working on an "We don't officially have prac-

tice over spring break," McLaughlin said. "It's an honor system type As a team, Northwest shot 381 thing. The girls love playing, and Club in Detroit, Michigan and conto finish third out of four teams. listening to them on the way home cludes March 31.

One area that McLaughlin and

nament 355 to Rockhurst's 356. Misthe team see need for improvement souri Western finished nine strokes is their short game, which might be attributed to lingering winter weather forcing them to hit balls freshman will get valuable experition than playing on their home course at Mozingo. Soggy playing condi-"The girls have done great as tions could also be the reason for far as being energetic and in good the problems in the short game by moods," coach Pat McLaughlin not allowing the balls to roll as they

said. "The courses haven't been That willingness to get better maintained because of the weather. might give them an edge in their And when you take a few months next meet at Wayne State which off it's hard to get the feel back for

The Wayne State Invitational girls will continue working on will give the 'Cats a better overired practices during the week, — 10 teams, including several from Nebraska and Minnesota that they ordinarily wouldn't be able to play The Wayne State meet begins

March 30 at the Wayne Country

#### **NW SOFTBALL**

## Bunt singles pave way for Griffons



NORTHWEST PITCHER COLA Krueger pitches during game one Wednesday

Community Sports Editor

Had Northwest contained Missouri Western's No. 9 hitter, it would have gotten an MIAA victory. But, instead of notching their first onference win, the Bearcats watched

Brittany Douglas tally three hits (two bunt singles) and score three runs. Douglas' final hit, a seventh-inning bunt single, proved to be the dagger, as she scored the winning run in the Griffons' 5-4 win, Wednesday. "I'm not going to take anything

away from Mo. West., but we didn't help ourselves in this game at all," coach Ryan Anderson said. It appeared Northwest was on its way to a rout in the first inning when

to record an out. Warneke allowed four walks and threw three wild pitches, but the 'Cats scored just one run.

"We thought about squeezing in that situation, but she was so inconsistent, we couldn't even afford to squeeze," he said. In the fifth, Northwest led 2-1 until

Douglas reached base. With runners at second and third, Western's Mandie Nocita sent Cola Krueger's pitch to the left field wall, scoring two runs. The 'Cats answered an inning later

with two runs on three hits. Northwest played the doubleheader's second game with Western Wednesday (results not available at press time) and takes on Wayne State (Neb.) in a twin-bill, today, at 1 p.m.

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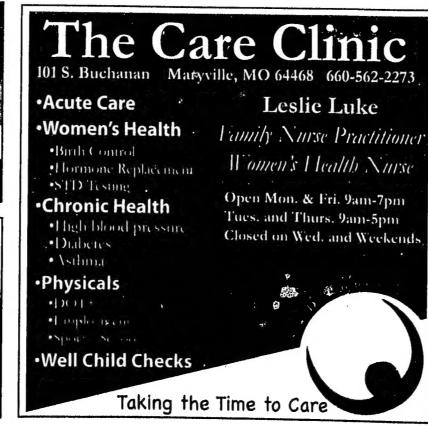
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# **SPOOFHOUNDS**

## Stride for state meet starts today for golfers

By Dustin Sander Missourian Reporter

The weather continues to be the biggest factor in preseason preparation for the Maryville "It gets really old practicing

inside, after two days, you've done everything... all you can do is practice your swing," senior captain Zack Jackson said Jackson's fellow captain Luke

Hendrix agrees that the team will likely face cold, windy and rainy weather, compared to beautiful, sunny weather. The weather is very similar to this during the season, Hendrix said.

"The kids are just now getting a taste of what their play is going to look like," Maryville coach Brenda Ricks said. The team has not been allowed

onto the driving range yet this spring. Ricks' team may not play scorers. to its full potential after only five days of playing outside, Ricks The 'Hounds still continue

varsity rosters for the season- outside

Freshmen will most likely round out the varsity team. Ricks expects sophomores to step up to

After a tough season last year, the 'Hounds hope to make steadied improvement. They are playing in a new district this season that has lost a few of the tougher teams, Ricks said. "I'm sure we will better our

play some varsity also.

record from last year," Ricks said, "but we don't know what we're Ricks said there is a good chance for some of her golfers to

do well and possibly reach the

state tournament. "It's all about the district you're in, whether or not we make The winning school from

the district will qualify for state along with the 10 best individual

The 'Hounds will take on Savannah, a top conference opponent, today, at Duncan Hills Golf Course in Savannah. This match to fill out the varsity and junior comes after only five practices

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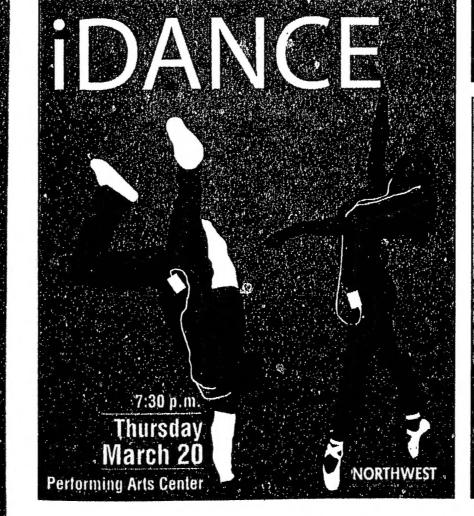
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# Season begins with MEC sleeper

Missourian Reporter

The Maryville girls' soccer team remains untested as Monday's heavy rain forced a rescheduling of Tuesday's game at Savannah. The game has been rescheduled for April 4.

Coach Bayo Oludaja didn't receive the cancellation notice until after 11 a.m. Tuesday, and thought his team was playing as scheduled. He said he thought the cancellation was due to an inability to prepare a rain-soaked field and pointed out that Maryville's field hasn't been

Despite the wet ground, Oludaja took his team outside for just the third time all season, and practiced on a puddle-filled practice field, but still wishes they could have played

"This would have been a good measure of where we are, because we haven't been able to be outside, and I was looking forward to it," Oludaja said. The players were equally disap-

they wanted to get the first game "I was kind of sad," senior Ashley Blanchard said. "I was pretty excited about going to Savannah and playing them. It (the first game) takes a lot of

pointed about the cancellation, as

Blanchard is one of four return-

ing seniors along with Abbie Florea, Shayna Waszil and Christanna Hardee, that saw significant varsity playing time last season. The seniors, combined with a promising freshmen class, are expected to help the Spoofhounds get out to a quick start

"We've got a good group of freshmen in terms of their attitudes, and the older ones are great, too," Oludaja said, "They've got talent. We just need a chance to bring it all together." A strong start could be the dif-

ference between a good season and a bad one for the 'Hounds as they lost six starters from last year's 12-8 "It's very important," Blanchard said. "It helps attitudes and gets

things and means you have to go back to work." Weather permitting, the 'Hounds play their first game today at home against conference foe Lafavette. Platte County, Smithville and Benton should pose the biggest challenge in

the MEC, but Oludaja feels Lafayette

could be a sleeper team in the MEC

spirits high. If we lose, which I don't

plan on losing, it puts a damper on

and shouldn't be ruled out. The Lafayette game is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., today, at Maryville the nerves away, because everything High School.

We've got a good group of freshmen in terms of their attitudes, and the older ones are great, too. They've got talent, we just need a chance to bring



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of drills during practice on Monday. The girls' first home game is at 4 p.m., today

## Inclement weather forces team to reschedule

Missourian Reporter

The Maryville baseball team has vet to take the field after the season's that if we cut down on the number Aaron Dueker. first two scheduled games were

called off because of weather. "More than anything it is just rustrating," coach Thom Alvarez said. "We have been inside most of the spring. They really want to get outside and just play some ball."

The postponement to the beginning of the season has brought some

uncertainties to the Spoofhounds but also some eagerness to start the of guys, who really play together season off right. "Being in the gym hurts us because we don't get a good feel for the field, but it has made us anxious to get out there and play," sopho-

more T.J. Stephens said. The 'Hounds ended their 2007 season with a 5-1! record. This year,

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higher note. The 'Hounds main focus — shortstop for us and done a good job is cutting down on hurting them-there," Alvarez said. The other player to emerge into Rescheduling? selves by committing errors. "As far as season goals, we feel a leadership role is senior pitcher, When will they play?

of errors we make, that gives us a better chance to win more games, and that is always a team's goal," Alvarez said. The team credits their optimism with a renewed sense of playing

together as a team. "The strongest aspect of the team has taken the leadership roles on is our team unity," coach Alvarez the team, but Alvarez still looks to said. "We've got a really tight group up and make a difference on the varsity squad this season.

Alvarez said that a couple of the guys have already stepped into a leadership role on this 2008 squad. One being senior Andy Walter, who has moved from his normal

match-up at 4:30 p.m., today, in Sayannah. "We need to play solid defense," position of first base to shortstop in order to meet team needs. "Andy has really embraced to walk a lot of guys but we're also

pitchers, he's one of those guys who on the field and get the season going. The makes the game fun. And he does 2007 season ended with a 5-11 record and a really good job with keeping the they're hoping for a turn-around. rest of the guys real loose," Alvarez

■ 4:30 p.m., today, at Savannah ■ 4:30 p.m., Monday, at Beal Park

"rookies", such as Stephens to step not going to over power a lot of guys either, so our defense will have a lot of opportunities. If we field the ball well and stay away from errors, I

think we'll be alright." After today's game against Savannah, the 'Hounds come home to face Benton at 4:30 p.m., Monday Alvarez said. "I expect our pitching The game has been moved to Beal to be solid. I don't think we're going Park instead of Maryville High

School due to field conditions.

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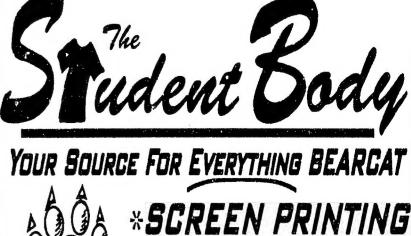
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# March Madness excitement makes editor go crazy

Today marks a national holiday for most of us in the sports world. It's the beginning of the NCAA tournament, and right now, everyone has high hopes of this being the year they actually win their office

However, after today, most of us, including me, will generally pitch our bracket and resort to how many games we can parlay

**NCAA Upset Alert** 

NCAA Upset Alert

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do the math.

Purdue vs. Baylor — Baylor

successfully to make the most money according to Las Vegas odds makers. Vegas yet, I'm going to break down each region. Follow carefully, because if you

But since I haven't resorted to Las well go ahead and throw your bracket in Sweet 16. the wastebasket.

Scott Levine

think North Carolina should advance Sleeper — Siena to the final four. Louisville and psycho T should propel them past

Sleeper - Butler Don't sleep on Butler. Remember

in the second round.

They'll be the darlings of this tournament

Carolina didn't get any favors from every year. I'll also assume that Kansas Sleeper — Michigan State the committee for being the overall will choke like every year, too. Kansas No. 1 seed. Every other No. 1 seed has balance and depth, but that can't team. This year, the Spartans didn't as basically a cakewalk to at least—overcome the regular NCAA choke-—play well in the regular season, but they the elite eight, but North Carolina job performed by Kansas. Georgetown have talent. They also know how to play could face a talented Indiana squad Despite a loaded bracket, I still the way.

Vanderbilt and Clemson are weak No. Notre Dame could be dark horses 4 and 5 seeds. Edwin Ubiles, Kenny Hasbto advance past the Tar Heels, but rouck and Alex Franklin average 15 points per game for the Saints, and they could pose problems for the Commodores.

The selection committee awarded these names, A.J. Graves and Mike Green. Texas for losing the Big 12 championship game with seven home games en route have the same picks, then you might as when they advance past Tennessee to the to the title. I was so smart last year that I actually picked Texas to win the national Well I'm in Jayhawk country and takes, I'm taking this Kevin Durant-less advance all the way to the Elite Eight.

This region is loaded. North - I assume everyone will pick them like - squad to the Final Four.

The Spartans are a great tournament should come out of this bracket with a defense and rebound. Look for Michigan much-improved Roy Hibbert leading State to advance all the way to the Elite Eight, before falling to Texas.

> I really don't see any possible way UCLA doesn't make the Final Four. This is one of the easiest brackets I've ever seen a No. 1 seed have, and the Bruins Sleeper --- Baylor

The Bears barely got in the tournament and they should make the most of it. They open against a weak conference champion, Purdue, and then face a winnable game against Xavier. With some championship. Learning from past mis- luck and well-timed buckets, Baylor could

Prediction Record (17-11)

Miami's my team. They're athletic and appar-

ently only win when I pick them. Something

tells me Saint Mary's won't be able to stay with

Hove the Spartans. Tom Izzo knows how to get

it done in the tournament. His teams rebound,

play defense and make it to the Final Four

like it's their job. Drew Neitzel and Raymar

Morgan are a killer guard-forward tandem,

Villanova can surprise some people. They

streaky you can't count on them to beat any-

and as you know, great guard play wins in

Miami vs. Saint Mary's — Miami

Temple vs. Michigan St. — Mich. St.

Villanova vs. Clemson — Villanova

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the tournament.

■Washington St. vs. Winthrop, 6:20 p.m. CBS — Potential

of Iowa is trying not to ruin a Cinderella season with a firstround loss. Don't fail me Bulldogs, the state of Iowa can't endure another first round upset.

Brett's TV Picks Thursday

■West Virginia vs. Arizona, 8:40 p.m. CBS — Watch Huggy-Mississippi State vs. Oregon, 6:25 p.m. CBS -- Could be

a good 8-9 game.

Marc's TV Picks

■Purdue vs. Baylor, 1:50 p.m. CBS — This could be a big upset. Baylor has great guard play, and great guard play

■St. Mary's vs. Miami, 11:30 a.m. CBS — I picked Miami to

win. To me, these are the only games worth watching. Miam

Sam's TV Picks Thursday

■Xavier vs. Georgia, 11:25 a.m. CBS — This seems to be a recent tradition for me: Root for my friends' teams. My buddy Surf is a huge Xavier fan and this is their best team since '04. With an iling UCLA squad and a Duke team without an inside game, his could be the X-Men's best shot in their history.

■Butler vs. South Alabama, 1:45 CBS — Butler got completel shafted-ranked No. 10 in the country and getting a 7-seed This could either energize them or screw them like '02 Gonzaga

who completely mailed it in after their dubious 6-seed.

few laughs.

#### SPORTS STATE PICKS Scott's Picks **Brett's Picks**

Prediction Record (14-14) Prediction Record (13-15) NCAA Lock NCAA Lock Indiana vs. Arkansas — Indiana South Alabama vs. Butler - Butler Take your paycheck you earn this week. Put

every last penny of it on Butler and see it double in a matter of two hours. by double digits, and don't be surprised if they NCAA Lock Oral Roberts vs. Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh give North Carolina a scare or two. The Panthers are extremely hot right now. I'm

NCAA Lock just hoping they don't fall off emotionally after such a great Big East tournament, like Sam's West Virginia vs. Arizona — West Virginia Huggy-Bear is back in the NCAA Tournament. favorite team Syracuse did a couple of years ago. There is also another reason this could a The Mountaineers are coming off a strong showing in the Big East Tournament. Joe Alexander risky pick. ESPN loverboy Bob Knight picked the Panthers to win the entire tournament. is lighting it up, and his play will decide how Considering Knight has to wake up from his far the team goes. nap every time he's cued to talk, I don't know if it's such a good idea to follow his train of NCAA Upset Alert

#### Kansas State vs. USC — Kansas State

I was almost done with K-State until I saw where they're positioned in the Midwest Purdue plays in that great conference they call the Big 10. Baylor plays in the Big 12. You Bill Walker can step up his game, and make him boys from Vegas. and Michael Beasley the dangerous 1-2 punch they were early in the season.

Griffin, whose health is in question.

BYU vs. Texas A&M — Texas A&M NCAA Upset Alert This is pretty much cheating, picking a 9 Oklahoma vs. St. Joe's — St. Joe's against an 8, but I'm in this to win. The Aggies The Hawks started off great, and stumbled to the finish line. This is a winnable game, because played well against non-conference opponents during the year, and I have faith in them to win OU's chances of advancing depend on Blake

#### **Prediction Record (15-13)** NCAA Lock UConn vs. San Diego — UConn

This is probably one of the oddest 8-9 match-What Scott does not know is being underups in the tournament. When Indiana plays to seeded can kill a team, so Butler is no lock. its potential, they're definitely higher than an UConn, however, is a stone cold guarantee. eighth seed. Indiana wins this first-round game

#### NCAA Lock Pittsburgh vs. Oral Roberts - Pitt

After seeing these guys play live in the Big East Tourney last week, the Panthers are far too much for ORU. Pitt has the big man combo of Sam Young and DaJuan Blair and they can be lethal from inside as well as with their midrange jumpers. These two won the Big East title as a 7-seed, which should be enough to propel them past a Summit squad.

#### **NCAA Upset Alert**

UNLV vs. Kent State - Kent State The MAC has been lost in the shuffle as of late, but KSU puts them back on the map if almost beat Georgetown, but a lousy call at Region, K-State is capable of beating USC and only for a game. Antonio Gates and Trevor the end of the game cost them. Clemson is so genius coach Timmy Floyd. It all depends on if Huffman will be on hand to cheer against the

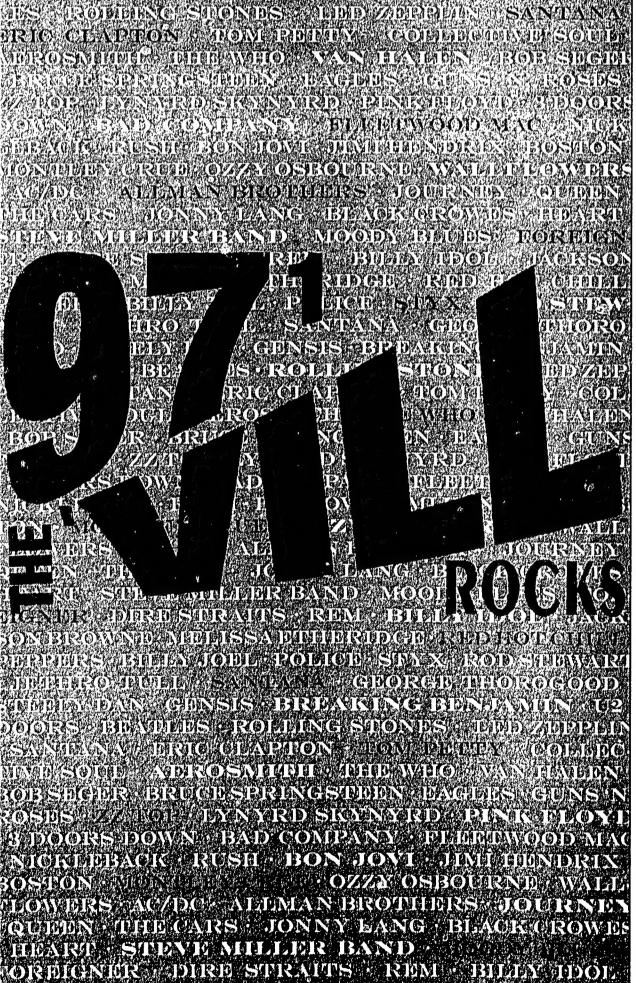
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Gonzaga vs. Davidson -- Davidson The Zags are not the Casey Calvary-Dan Dickau Zags anymore. They are no longer America's lovable underdog, which is really the only role they thrived in. Davidson is actually ranked, while Gonzaga simply does not perform well when it receives the higher seed.

#### body except themselves at the free-throw line. Tigers tank, Wildcats win. NCAA Upset Alert

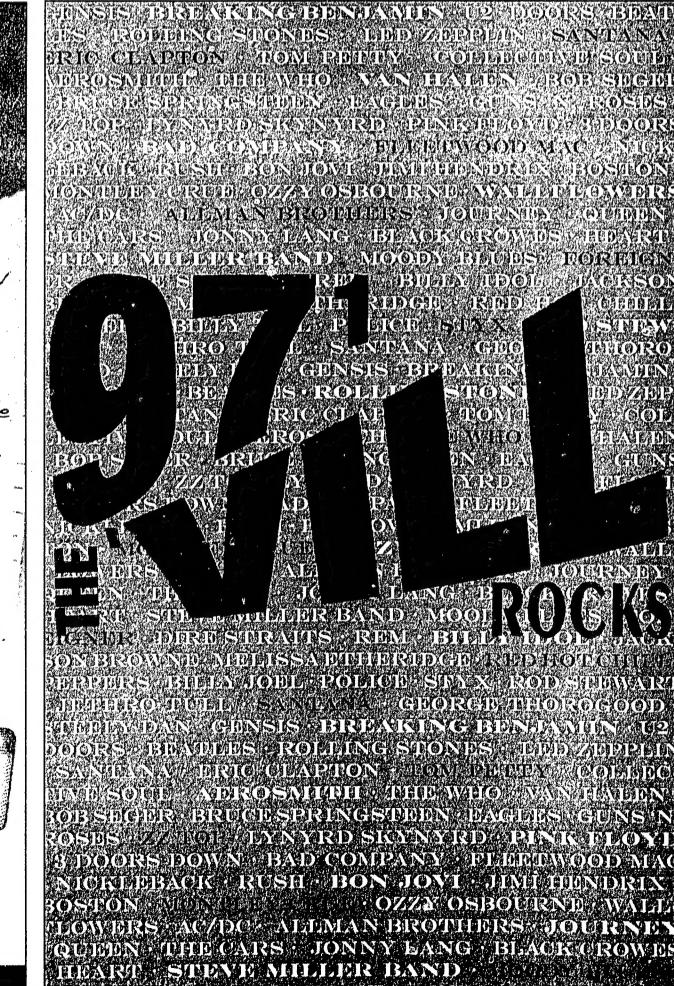
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Oregon vs. Mississippi St. — Oregon Cregon has good tournament history and plays in a the much tougher Pac-10. The SEC is down this year. As evidence, I submit your SEC champion, Georgia. Oregon is too balanced with four



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## Top 5 picks of the week

By Sydney Moore Entertainment Reporter

Animated flick worth renting -The animated hit "Bee Movie" was released on DVD, March 11. The flick has a star-studded cast, with the voices of Jerry Seinfeld, Renee Zellweger and Matthew Broderick as the main three characters. In the film, Barry B. Benson (Seinfeld) takes a trip outside the hive, just to learn that there is more to life than making honey. After a near death experience, Benson meets Vanessa Bloome (Zellweger,) a florist in New York City that saves his life. Bloome teaches Benson a thing or two about humans, causing him to see life as a bee totally differently.

TV show worth checking out -Catch the fourth season of "Ghost Hunters" on Sci-Fi. The one-hour weekly show follows a real team of paranormal researchers on their hunt for paranormal activity around the country. The team is made up of everyday, normal working men that track unusual activity to various locations across America. The show, from the directors of "American Choppers," is on at 8 p.m., Wednesday evenings.

Opening this week - "Drillbit Taylor," a comedy starring Owen Wilson, hits theaters tomorrow. Wilson plays Drillbit Taylor, a homeless, or "home-free" man who hasn't had the easiest life so far. Three kids hire Taylor, who answered their ad for a cheap bodyguard, to protect them from the bully that begins picking on them during their first few weeks of high school. Taylor then begins training the three teens mentally and physically to be able to handle the bully on their own. The film, which was co-written by Seth Rogen ("Knocked Up," "Superbad") is sure to deliver a

Tune in and listen up - Since MTV rarely plays music anymore; check out MTV U on channel 95 if you live on campus. The university-only channel plays tons of unsigned artists, popular names and even does a couple of newscasts throughout the day. It's the perfect getaway from all of the reality shows and countdowns that only play a minute of the song on the original MTV channel.

If you need a break - Head to Bored.com to find plenty of things to occupy your time between study sessions. The site is full of games, quizzes and links to other sites hat allow you to break free from homework for a few minutes and get yourself re-energized. The site includes links to game sites, quiz sites and even weird and humorous facts. It may not help you with your homework, but it will get your mind off of things for a while.

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## Your Man is anti-anti-smoking

(First allow me to personally apologize to Master Gee for the misspelling of his name last week. It was unintentional. I would never purposely offend the man they call Master Gee. And now, we look forward.) A disturbing new trend is

sweeping the nation. You can see it when you walk out of a building. You can smell it with every smoke-free breath you take. The American smoker is

being persecuted like never before. States all across the country are attempting to ban smoking in public places, even bars. That's right, Iowa has a bill in the legislature

that, if passed, could ban smoking in bars and casinos. No smoking in bars? That's the craziest thing I've Me." McDonald's is bad for you? Get the hell out of here. To the people of the skid mark of

America, Iowa: Don't stand for this

nonsense. It's just another in a long line of tools aimed at squashing the freedom of choice of the American

And the whiney, anti-smoking people will say smoking is bad for your health. Of course, smoking is bad for your health, but you have to die some way. And they'll say heard since I watched "Super Size they don't want to get cancer from second-hand smoke. If you don't want second-hand smoke, drink at

I don't see how the state govern-

ments can support the vice and health risks of getting stinking, fall down, drink-so-much-youcrap-your pants drunk in bars, but

I don't see how they can let casinos take my rent money, but not let me light up to ease the

People will argue that smoking affects the people around the smoker, while drinking and gambling affect only the consumer. and pukes on me, that affects me.

the robbing in that scenario. In order to stop this continual abuse of the American smoker, the anti-smoking, hybrid-driving, morons need to suck it up, literally,

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

outlaw smoking in bars.

Wrong. When someone gets drunk When people gamble all their money away and rob me, that affects me. Though I'm probably the one doing

or leave the bars and casinos to the people with testicles.

## '10,000 B.C.' doesn't stand test of time

By Brian Johnson Assistant Features Editor

**MOVIE REVIEW** 

Usually mastodons and sabertooth tigers mean you'll have a

pretty good time at a movie. "10,000 B.C." proves that theory wrong. This huge mess has so much wrong with it that it barely qualifies as a movie. The film follows a tribe of nomads in prehistoric Earth trying to

recover some of their own after they were captured by another tribe. Director Roland Emmerich, who brought us "The Day After Tomorto the table. While "The Day After must also remember that Emmerich also brought us "Eight Legged Freaks." Now that I think about it, I should've seen this coming.

Where to start? How about the him either. You may have seen him there are fights with mastodons,

in the "huge" 2005 film "Undiscov- then Belle and others are kidnapped, ered" starring Ashlee Simpson. Wait, nobody remembers that or has even heard of it. Stick to your old job as a Hollister Co. model, Strait.

It may be best for Strait to just "forget" to put this film on his resume. It may just be better to start from scratch than to be the star of this piece of crap. There are so many problems

with this movie. First off, the scenery looks so fake that it looks like the stuff you see on a tour of Universal Studios. The producers should have row" should've brought a lot more asked for their money back from the actors because that's about how Tomorrow" was a great movie, we much their acting is worth. Also, Camilla Belle of "When A Stranger Calls," you're beautiful sweetheart, but eyeliner didn't exist back then. I

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then there's a god-king they have to defeat for some reason never specified and somewhere in between there is a saber-tooth tiger that doesn't even eat anybody.

The biggest problem I had with this movie was that there was no sense of time. From scene to scene the weather would literally change completely. One minute there was a drought, next there was a blizzard. If they had given us a better grasp of the timeframe of the movie, then it could've been saved although I have serious doubts about that.

"10,000 B.C." is the epitome of how bad an epic movie can get. Every cliché a movie can have was used in this movie. Sappy acting, overly dramatic, slow scenes and a very weak storyline cannot salvage Another huge issue this movie this "portal" to the old world. I fact the movie's "star" was Steven faced was that it tried to cover too wonder if Emmerich failed history Strait? Yeah, I had never heard of, much in an hour and a half. First because it seems like it from this

## Crossword

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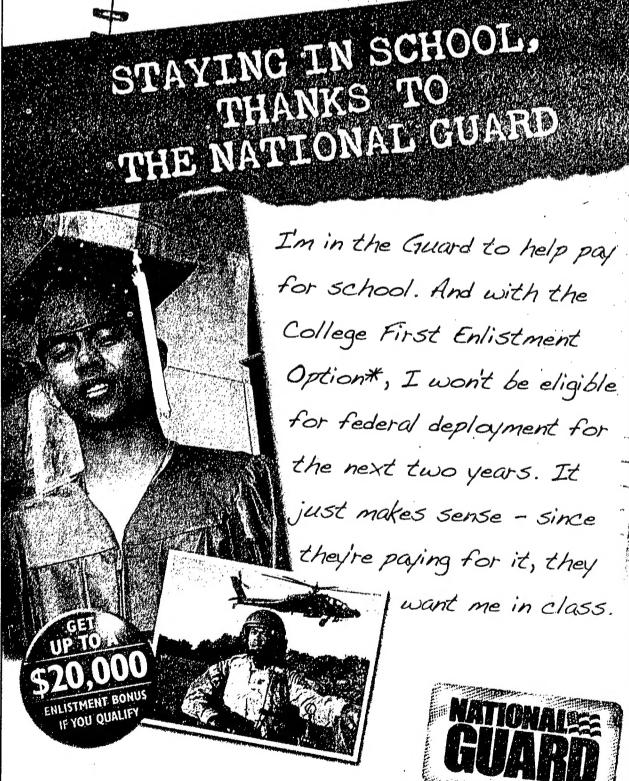
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**Greek Week Results** 

Water Balloon Test---Phi Mu and Delta Sigma Phi Egg Toss Sigma — Kappa and Sigma Phi Epsilon Obstacle Course --- Sigma Kappa, Tau Kappa Epsilon

Recycled Art

1. Alpha Gamma Rho Women's

2. Phi Mu

1. Sigma Sigma Sigma 3. Alpha Sigma Alpha

**Greek Song** 

1. Alpha Gamma Rho 2. Phi Sigma Kappa Women's

1. Phi Mu 2. Sigma Kappa 3. Alpha Sigma Alpha

Delta Sigma Phi Alpha Kappa Lambda Women's 1. Phi Mu

2. Sigma Sigma Sigma 3. Alpha Sigma Alpha

Zeus -- Jordan Lenger,

Hera - Kelsi Jo Franklin.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

**Flag Competition** 

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Phi Mu



JORDAN LENGER JUGGLES tennis balls to entertain the sororities and fraternities of Northwest as part of the Zeus and Hera competition. Lenger, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, was Zeus.

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## **CASINO:** Bill divides state lawmakers

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"The loss limits are the final remaining provision of the gaming amendment adopted by Missouri voters in the early 1990s and are intended to protect families from excessive losses," Lager said in a statement by spokesman Rich Germinder. "I fully support these

A Missouri GOP "party line" on gaming doesn't exist, Rupp said. He sees several different schools of thought, none exclusive to one party: some oppose gaming on moral grounds; others won't deviate from the will of the voters

"There are a handful of Democrats that are for it, and a handful of Republicans that are against it," Rupp said. "It's a tight vote but it's pretty much split amongst Republicans and Democrats.

'You can lose \$1,000 in two hours and one minute or you can lose it in four hours. How is that going to stop someone unless they're just coming in with a bunch of money to burn? I've sat down with gaming counselors and asked them point-blank 'What effect do loss limits have on problem gaming?' and they all said 'Minimal impact.'

The loss limits repeal has failedmultiple times over the last couple years. It passed out of the Senate last year, but an amendment raised the tax item from 2 percent to 4 percent and ended its hopes, Rupp said.

The House didn't even look at it. He hopes the advent of casino gaming in Kansas can be the "X-factor" that gives the bill the legs to become law. The legislature saw gaming in Kansas coming last year, Rupp said. With gaming's introduction to the Sunflower State even closer now, Rupp hopes a sense of

urgency makes a difference this

Only Missouri out of all 50 states keeps loss limits on casinos. Magnetic cards unique to each casino track players' losses. A player can lose \$500 per day at any given casino.

Rupp, Welch and Terrible's St. Joseph Casino general manager Craig Travers all agree on this much: the limits won't stop gamblers from taking big losses. It might slow them down, but it won't stop them.

"Those individuals who wish to avoid the loss limits don't really care," Welch said. "Many of our boats in the St. Louis metropolitan area and the Kansas City area are in the same area. Somebody can go from one gaming boat to another gaming boat very quickly."

Travers said Missouri's gamers have long since evolved and adapted a sense of personal responsibility. Welch also pointed to the Missouri Gaming Commission's voluntary sign-off program. Addicted players may add themselves to a list banning them from any gaming area.

Players on the list can face criminal trespass charges if they show up

"People have come to develop their own restrictions or limitations just by being exposed to it all these years and knowing what their disposable income is," Travers said. "What matters is, whenever you have an alternative place where you can do your gaming and the alternative in your mind seems a lot easier and more comfortable to deal with, then obviously that presents a threat to your business and your market

Addictive personalities don't make it that easy, Ed said. The casino

control in place instead of nothing, Ed said.

"They have that addictive personality and then they get introduced to that 'free-spirit' so to speak for a few hours of gambling," Ed said. "They don't have any windows in the casinos, they don't have any clocks in the casino. It's all designed to take your money."

As the private gaming industry goes, so the public business of funding Missouri schools might go also. Kansans already pump in a large chunk of the gaming revenue that boosts veteran programs and public education with visits to casinos at the Missouri-Kansas border.

Restricting Kansans' play wouldn't exactly entice them to forsake their state's gaming industry for Missouri's, Rupp said. If that hap-

pens, schools might lose out. "A study said that 40 percent of those who attend the Missouri boats on the Kansas border live actually in Kansas," Rupp said. "If even half of those people stay at home for their Kansas casino, we would see a huge drop in the revenue for education in Missouri."

Ed might never meet Welch, Rupp, Travers or even Lager. He might never get to testify before a General Assembly on the merits of Missouri regulating how much casinos will let patrons lose. He supported casino gambling in Missouri when it started.

He now views gambling as a cycle. Deregulating it will only speed up creating more gamblers with demons such as his.

"A lot of people have the misnomer that they win the casino's money," Ed said. "They don't. They win (money) the fellow sitting next to

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The letter-writing campaign raised the most money. Each team member wrote 50 letters to friends, family or companies.

St. Jude's tallied the amount of money that was raised by each team and the winner of the event was chosen from the amount the team's letters brought in, Scott said

"This is when you find out who wrote the letters to the right people," Scott said.

The evening ended with Spencer Barr, a leukemia survivor, presenting a check for money raised through the year to the St. Jude's Foundation. Spencer was celebrating his 15th birthday and second year being cancer-free.

Barr was diagnosed with cancer two years ago, Spencer's father and Agriculture Instructor Rodney Barr said.

"It's a place that is near and dearto our hearts," Rodney said. Northwest Up 'Til Dawn raised \$79,375.27 for St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital. "It's an impressive number," Scott said. "It's something to celebrate."

has confronted the possibility of a worse scenario. But what she wants more than anything is to know where her son is, or what has happened

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guilt will get to them.

come forward."

met before."

"I feel it's very important to keep

the awareness out there, to keep the

public constantly being renewed

with: that the case is open, that it

is still unsolved," Klino said. "I'm

thinking maybe, hopefully, that

people who do have the information,

maybe one of these times they'll go

by and they'll see it or they'll hear

something about it and maybe the

"Then maybe it'll cause them to

Klino is also planning a fund-

raiser April 12 to observe the anni-

versary of Perry's disappearance. A

raffle, auction and poker run are all

being planned. In keeping the aware-

ness out, Klino has found support

from her friends, both old and new.

Klino said. "I've had amazing sup-

port from people I've never even

out hope for Perry's return, she also

"I have got amazing friends,"

Klino said that while she holds

"I've met many people or talked to many different families who are in the same situation. And all of them

MISSING: Still holding hope

have made the comment that the not knowing is worse than the knowing," Klino said.

A \$10,000 reward has been issued for any information that leads to the discovery of Perry or for the arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for Perry's disappearance. A\$25,000 reward is also being offered by Castle Records. Anyone who has any information is encouraged to contact the Nodaway County Sheriff's department at 582-7451, the Missouri State Highway Patrol at (816) 387-2345 or Klino at Raperry@hughes.net. Klino also reiterated that tips can be submitted anonymously.

"Somebody knows what's happened. There may be more than one somebody that knows what happened," Klino said. "You may have heard something that you just blew off that has no importance whatsoever, but it may be the key answer to everything. No matter how small it is, or how trivial you might think it is, please don't hesitate to contact

Klino also had one last message for Perry if he had the opportunity to hear.

'You are loved just as much today as you were that day that nobody saw you again," Klino said. "We still love you and we still miss

## PALMS': Bar awaits Guinness record

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The rejection letters from presidents, popes and governors once warranted a "wall of shame" in the bar of dignitaries politely declining the Palms' offer, Allen said.

Allen rattled off a short list of rejections: Ronald Reagan, Dan Quayle and John Ashcroft, to name just a few.

Former Missouri Treasurer Wendell Baily has been the most noteworthy Grand Marshall, Allen said.

"They were all sorry they couldn't

come," Allen said. At 5:17 p.m., the parade Guin-

ness annually forgets started up Buchanan Street. The five-minute stroll brought out friends of the Palms from Schreck Motors, the Maryville Cooperative and Burny's Sports Bar, to Maryville's National Guard unit launching T-shirts into the smallbut-enthusiastic crowd like pop-flies off a bat.

Some Guardsmen riding in the parade included some deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, Army Sgt. Ted Finney said. Finney seemed sure some tastes of home just don't translate in the Middle East.

"There's nothing like this overseas," Finney said.

Members of the American Legion led the way flying America's and Missouri's colors. The Palms Girls including dogs and the traditional baby pig cradled by St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen Tiffany Logue --- rode past and flung strings of green beads for the happy on-lookers to chase.

Maryville even got a visit from not one, but two oversized "leprechauns" riding a tricycle behind the Burny's float and a larger threewheeled novelty bike behind the Schreck Motors golf cart.

Topping it all off, a Maryville High School Spoofhound-decorated

cement mixer rained down a little green-ish water on Buchanan Street to put an exclamation point on Maryville's favorite five minutes of St. Patrick's Day.

From there, it was into the Palms for a few rounds - and a free multicolored Jello shot on the way through the door.

It might seem like a lot of fuss for just one block, especially on an overcast, damp Monday afternoon. The Palms' friends turned out anyway, though. Sarah Fowler, who came out to

the Palms to enjoy her first St. Patrick's Day legally able to drink and her first Palms Parade, found a bright side to that. "If it's in the Guinness Book of

World Records, we should get as many people out here as we can," Fowler said. "It's going to be a big deal!" Short, sweet and simple. It fit the

